

**Weekly Status & Information Report:
Week of November 7, 2005**

Holiday Schedule - City Offices Closed for Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving: City offices will be closed on Friday, November 11 for Veteran's Day and on November 24 and 25 for the Thanksgiving Day holiday. The Police Department is always open. Please note that the Police Department has moved to the Maple Avenue side of City Hall, accessible from the front parking lot. *(Community and Government Liaison)*

Election Results (All Wards): Communications Office staff sent out a Media Advisory on Tuesday informing the local media that election results would be cablecast live, put on the "crawl", posted to the cable bulletin board and posted to the web. These were all done by 1 am Wednesday the 9th. *(Communications)*

Electronics Recycling Event (All Wards): Reminder - this Saturday, Nov. 12, from 10 - 2 behind the Library, the City will be hosting the 2nd annual electronics recycling event. The program is operated by "Subtractions" a recycling processor and funded in part by the State of Maryland through the Maryland Environmental Service. *(Public Works)*

Support for Condominium Conversion Regulation: Councilmember Marc Elrich testified on behalf of the City Monday night in support of State legislation which would limit condominium conversions when a jurisdiction in Montgomery County declares a "rental housing emergency." The City-proposed bill would also protect a larger percentage of elderly or other vulnerable residents when a building is being converted. *(Community and Government Liaison)*

Rain Garden Installation in Forest Park (Ward 2): The first work day for the rain garden was held last Saturday and went very well. The second work day is scheduled for this Friday, November 11. Friends of Sligo Creek have been coordinating volunteers. The City provided dirt, mulch and rocks and is paying for the plants. This Friday the planting will begin. *(Public Works)*

Recent Arrest (Ward 6): On Monday, Takoma Park Police arrested a 20-year-old Hyattsville man charging him with first degree rape for a Nov. 5 assault. The man allegedly raped a woman he had invited into a room he rented in the 7400 block of New Hampshire Avenue. The suspect was detained in Washington, D.C. with the assistance of private citizens, who were providing information to TPPD, and the Metro Transit Police. He is currently being held without bond at the Montgomery County Detention Center on charges including armed robbery, first degree assault, kidnaping, false imprisonment, car jacking and three counts of assault on a police officer. *(Police)*

Patrols (Ward 1): With the return to standard time, officers began high visibility patrol in the neighborhoods surrounding the Metro and Old Town areas, where street robbery can increase during the rush hour period after the time change. The detail will include vehicle patrols with auxiliary lighting as well as some foot and bike patrol. *(Police)*

Robberies (Ward 1): Last week detectives reported concern for the W4 beat, where three robberies or attempts had occurred in 12 days. Also reported was the detention of two Washington juveniles for an attempted robbery on Nov. 3 in the 7400 block of Maple Avenue. No additional robberies or attempts were reported in these areas in the past week. *(Police)*

Law Enforcement Information Exchange: Capt. Coursey, operations commander, attended the kick-off of LInX, the national capital region law enforcement information exchange, an interjurisdictional effort for police Enforcement Information Exchange: records management sharing. (*Police*)